

HONORING COLORADO NONPROFIT  
WEEK**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform our colleagues that the week of March 1 to March 5, 2004 will be Colorado Nonprofit Week and to express my gratitude for nonprofit organizations in Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, we in Congress have dedicated our energy to help solve the problems which persist in America. However, in a country as large and diverse as ours, there are many problems that cannot be addressed by government alone. Nonprofit organizations throughout the nation play powerful roles in sustaining our communities and providing resources to help solve a myriad of problems. In Colorado alone, there are over five-thousand charitable nonprofit organizations that devote tireless effort year after year to improve the quality of life in our communities. In appreciation, the State of Colorado honors these organizations and the causes they champion by declaring the week of March 1st to March 5th to be Colorado Nonprofit Week.

In Colorado, there are hardly any social problems that do not have a group of dedicated individuals trying to solve them. Indeed, there are nonprofits addressing such diverse challenges as promoting arts and humanities, protecting animals, sheltering the homeless, providing job training and saving open space, to identify just a few. Colorado's nonprofits have succeeded in raising awareness for their causes in recent years. As a result, the number of nonprofits organizations in Colorado and the magnitude of services they provide have more than doubled in the last decade.

These organizations give hundreds of millions of dollars and countless hours of volunteer time to address their respective issues, yet are rarely given the credit they deserve. By recognizing the contributions of the nonprofit sector during Colorado Nonprofit Week, we acknowledge the exemplary public service and positive direction they provide for our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Colorado Nonprofit Week and in thanking nonprofit organizations for all of the good and important work they do in Colorado.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AS AMBASSADORS TO  
AND FROM CONGRESS**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, there is a long list of people and institutions that have helped our nation flourish through our nearly 228 years of independence. One of our greatest traditions as Americans is to welcome friends from around the world into our lives—sometimes professionally and sometimes personally.

Most congressional offices host American college students, to help our nation's future

leaders understand the political complexities affecting our constituents and our jobs as their representatives. Now, thanks to the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program, some of Australia's best and brightest university students have had the opportunity to participate in six-week, full-time internships in House and Senate offices. These internships have proved to be an invaluable learning experience, both for the students and for their hosts.

The program is the brainchild and pro bono non-partisan effort of former long-time House and Senate staffer Eric K. Federling, who began lecturing at Australian universities in the early 1990s while working for our former colleague Norman Y. Mineta of California. Mr. Federling wanted to bridge what Australians call "The Tyranny of Distance," which can prevent Americans and Australians from knowing each other as well as our mutual interests and traditions suggest we should.

Five universities now participate and a dozen Australian students travel to Washington, DC annually as part of the program. An important reason for the exchange's success is the careful matching of students and their interests with our work and constituencies. This year, Laura Crommelin, a law student from the University of Melbourne, joined my staff for most of January and February. She is professionally poised, and sophisticated in her understanding of our mission as a chamber and my work for the 8th District of New York. Meeting Laura has given my staff and me an insight into Australian politics and society, as well as a fresh perspective on the work we are doing here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I believe my experience has not been unique. The students and other congressional hosts in 2004 should be congratulated for their participation in this exchange: Richard Abraham, of Macquarie University, in the office of Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD of Connecticut; Kirstin Ferguson, of the University of Wollongong, in the office of Representative ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida; Netta Goussac, of the University of Western Australia, in the office of Representative LORETTA SANCHEZ of California; Elli Jacovides, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of Representative JIM CLYBURN of South Carolina; Leng Lee, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of the Joint Economic Committee, minority staff; Ian Repper, of the University of Western Australia, in the offices of Representative BOB NEY of Ohio and the House Administration Committee, majority staff; Heather Rietdyk, of the University of Canberra, in the office of Representative SAM FARR of California; Louise Squire, of the University of Western Australia, in the office of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, minority staff; Lisa Sharland, of Macquarie University, in the office of Senator CHUCK HAGEL of Nebraska; Ken Shaw, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of the House Small Business Committee, majority staff; and Jane Stewart, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of Representative LOUISE SLAUGHTER of New York.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that this effort has received programmatic assistance from both the U.S. and Australian governments, as well as numerous individuals and institutions in Washington, DC that have welcomed these students during their visit. I am proud to participate in this worthwhile program, and wish it continued success in the future.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber, on January 21, 2004. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 4.

I was also unavoidably absent from this Chamber on January 28, 2004. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 8, 9 and 11. I would also like the record to show that I would have voted "no" on rollcall 10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. PAUL  
SWANSON**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Paul Swanson. This dedicated and giving man will be honored tonight with the Ambassador for Peace Leadership in Reconciliation and Peace-Making Award. A resident of Northwest Indiana, Dr. Swanson has devoted his life to the preservation of peace in his community and throughout the world. His work will be honored this evening at the Ambassadors for Peace Awards Banquet.

Throughout his career, Dr. Swanson has united his fellow citizens by demonstrating the importance of compassion and understanding toward those of different beliefs. As a mentor to many pastors in the Midwest, Dr. Swanson has broken new ground in the areas of ecumenical and interdenominational dialog.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Paul Swanson is currently a Professor Emeritus of Family Counseling for the Lutheran School of Theology at the University of Chicago. Although he has spent his career helping others, Dr. Swanson's family has always been his first priority. His wife Cordie, and their two children provide the inspiration for Dr. Swanson in his commitment to improve the community around him.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Paul Swanson for his outstanding service to the residents of Northwest Indiana. His efforts to improve his community should be commended, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

REMEMBERING PRIVATE FIRST  
CLASS HOLLY McGEOGH**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to Private First Class Holly McGeogh, Michigan's first female soldier killed in the conflict in Iraq. Private McGeogh was from Taylor, and a constituent of mine.